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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented) A method of intercorporate information-sharing between a product-manufacturing company and a product-inspecting company comprising:

transmitting product quality and manufacturing number information from a product-manufacturing company's database storage device to a product-inspecting company's database storage device;

inspecting a product, manufactured by the product-manufacturing company, by the product-inspecting company, including calculating a yield rate from inspected result information and comparing the yield rate with a prearranged yield rate, and predictively calculating a product shortage number when the yield rate is lower than the prearranged yield rate, and storing the inspected result information of the product in the product-inspecting company's database storage device; and

transmitting the inspected result information, including the predictively calculated product shortage number, from the product-inspecting company's database storage device to the product-manufacturing company's database storage device.

2. (Original) The method of intercorporate information-sharing according to claim 1, wherein the transmitting product quality and manufacturing number information step includes:

forming first coded information from the product quality and the manufacturing number information;

transmitting and storing the first coded information to and in a server in the product-inspecting company; and

transmitting and decoding the first coded information stored in the server to and in the product-inspecting company's database storage device.

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3. (Original) The method of intercorporate information-sharing according to claim 2, wherein the transmitting the inspected result information step includes:

forming second coded information from the manufacturing number and the inspected result information;

transmitting and storing the second coded information to and in the server; and

transmitting and decoding the second coded information stored in the server to and in the product-manufacturing company's database storage device.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously presented) A method of intercorporate information-sharing between a product-manufacturing company and a product-inspecting company comprising:

issuing a manufacturing number regarding a product in the product-manufacturing company;

transmitting product quality and manufacturing number information from a product-manufacturing company's database storage device to a product-inspecting company's database storage device;

recognizing the product-manufacturing company based on the manufacturing number information;

issuing a product number regarding the product and relating the manufacturing number with the product number in the product-inspecting company;

inspecting a product, manufactured by the product-manufacturing company, by the product-inspecting company, and obtaining inspected result information of the product;

relating the inspected result information with the manufacturing number information;

establishing an access right to the recognized product manufacturing company; and

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transmitting the inspected result information and the manufacturing number information from the product-inspecting company to the product-manufacturing company, where the access right has been established, via a network.

6. (Original) A method of intercorporate information-sharing between a plurality of product-manufacturing companies and a product-inspecting company comprising:

issuing a manufacturing number regarding a product in one of the product-manufacturing companies;

transmitting product quality and manufacturing number information including the manufacturing number from a product-manufacturing company's database storage device to a product-inspecting company's database storage device;

recognizing one of the product-manufacturing companies, which manufactured the product, among a plurality of the product-manufacturing companies based on the manufacturing number and issuing a product number including information for recognizing one of the product-manufacturing companies, which manufactured the product, in the product-inspecting company;

relating the manufacturing number with the product number; inspecting the product, manufactured by one of the product-manufacturing companies, by the product-inspecting company and obtaining inspected result information of the product;

relating the inspected result information, the product number, and the manufacturing number information to each other and transmitting the information to a server;

establishing an access right for accessing the inspected result information and information including the manufacturing number of the product to one of the product-manufacturing companies recognized based on the product number; and

transmitting the inspected result information and the manufacturing number information of the product from the server to one of the product-manufacturing companies, where the access right has been established, via a network.

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7. (Previously presented) A system of intercorporate information-sharing between a product-manufacturing company and a product-inspecting company comprising:

- a storage device that stores a product-manufacturing company's database, relating product quality information with manufacturing number information;

- a storage device that stores a product-inspecting company's database, relating product quality information and the manufacturing number information with inspected result information and a product number regarding a product and storing this information and the product number, and that stores an access right that is established if the product-manufacturing company is recognized based on the manufacturing number information;

- a server connected to a network;

- a transmitter that transmits the product quality and the manufacturing number information from a storage device that stores the product-manufacturing company's database to the server; and

- a transmitter that transmits the inspected result information and the manufacturing number information from the storage device that stores the product-inspecting company's database to the server, wherein the product-manufacturing company is allowed to receive the inspected result information if the access right has been established.

8. (Previously presented) A system of intercorporate information-sharing between a product-manufacturing company and a product-inspecting company comprising:

- a storage device that stores a product-manufacturing company's database, relating product quality information regarding a product with manufacturing number information regarding the product and storing this information;

- a storage device that stores a product-inspecting company's database, relating the product quality information and the manufacturing number information with inspected result information and a product number regarding the

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product and storing this information and the product number, and that stores a predictively calculated product shortage number based on a comparison between a yield rate from the inspected result information and a prearranged yield rate;

a server connected to a network;

an encoder that encodes the product quality information and the manufacturing number information, which are stored in the storage device that stores the product-manufacturing company's database, as first coded information;

a transmitter that transmits the first coded information from the storage device that stores the product-manufacturing company's database to the server;

an encoder that encodes the inspected result information, the predictively calculated product shortage number and the manufacturing number information, which are stored in the storage device that stores the product-inspecting company's database, as second coded information; and

a transmitter that transmits the second coded information from the storage device that stores a product-inspecting company's database to the server.

9. (Previously presented) A system of intercorporate information-sharing among a product-manufacturing company, a product-inspecting company, and a product-ordering company comprising:

a storage device that stores a product-manufacturing company's database, relating product quality information regarding a product with manufacturing number information regarding the product and storing this information;

a storage device that stores a product-inspecting company's database, relating the product quality information and the manufacturing number information with inspected result information and a product number regarding the product and storing this information and the product number, and that stores an access right that is established if the product-manufacturing company is recognized based on the manufacturing number information;

a server connected to a network;

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a transmitter that transmits the product quality information and the manufacturing number information from the storage device that stores the product-manufacturing company's database to the server;

a transmitter that transmits the inspected result information and the manufacturing number information from the storage device that stores the product-inspecting company's database to the server;

a transmitter that transmits the inspected result information and the manufacturing number information from the server to the storage device that stores the product-manufacturing company's database when the access right has been established;

a transmitter that transmits the product quality information and the manufacturing number information from the server to the storage device that stores the product-inspecting company's database; and

a transmitter that transmits at least one of the product quality and the inspected result information, and the manufacturing number information from the server to a storage device that stores a product-ordering company's database.

10. (Previously presented) A method of processing information comprising:

receiving first coded information, into which manufacturing number and product quality information regarding a product are coded and stored in a server;

decoding the first coded information into the manufacturing number information and the product quality information;

recognizing the product-manufacturing company based on the manufacturing number information and establishing an access right allowing the product-manufacturing company to receive second coded information;

storing the manufacturing number information and the product quality information in a storage device that stores a database;

inspecting the product, which was manufactured, and storing inspected result information of the product in the storage device that stores a database;

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relating the manufacturing number information with the inspected result information;

coding the manufacturing number information and the inspected result information into second coded information; and

transmitting the second coded information to the server when the access right has been established.

11. (Currently amended) A method of processing information comprising:
storing manufacturing number information and product quality information regarding a product;

coding the manufacturing number information and the product quality information into first coded information;

transmitting the first coded information to a server;

receiving the first coded information from the server; and

coding the manufacturing number information and inspected result information regarding the product into second coded information;

~~decoding the second coded information, into which the manufacturing number information and inspected result information regarding the product are coded,~~ into the manufacturing number information and the inspected result information; and

a predictively ~~calculated~~ calculating product shortage number based on a comparison between a yield rate from the inspected result information and a pre-arranged yield rate.

12. (Original) A computer program operating anyone of the elements described in the method of intercorporate information-sharing as claimed in claim 1, wherein each step described in claim 1 is coded.

13. (Previously presented) A method of intercorporate information-sharing between a product-manufacturing company and a product-inspecting company comprising:

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transmitting product quality and manufacturing number information from a means for storing a product-manufacturing company's database to a means for storing a product-inspecting company's database;

inspecting a product, manufactured by the product-manufacturing company, by the product-inspecting company, including calculating a yield rate from the inspected result information and comparing the yield rate with a prearranged yield rate, and predictively calculating a product shortage number when the yield rate is lower than the prearranged yield rate, and storing the inspected result information of the product in the means for storing a product-inspecting company's database; and

transmitting the inspected result information, including the predictively calculated product shortage number, from the means for storing a product-inspecting company's database to the means for storing a product-manufacturing company's database.

14. (Original) The method of intercorporate information-sharing according to claim 13, wherein the transmitting product quality and manufacturing number information step includes:

forming first coded information from the product quality and manufacturing number information;

transmitting and storing the first coded information to and in a server in the product-inspecting company; and

transmitting and decoding the first coded information stored in the server to and in the product-inspecting company's database.

15. (Original) The method of intercorporate information-sharing according to claim 14, wherein the transmitting the inspected result information step includes:

forming second coded information from the manufacturing number and inspected result information;

transmitting and storing the second coded information to and in the server; and

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transmitting and decoding the second coded information stored in the server to and in the product-manufacturing company.

16-19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously presented) A system of intercorporate information-sharing between a product-manufacturing company and a product-inspecting company comprising:

a means for storing a product-manufacturing company's database, relating product quality information with manufacturing number information;

a means for storing a product-inspecting company's database, relating product quality information and the manufacturing number information with inspected result information and a product number regarding a product and storing this information and the product number, and that stores an access right that is established if the product-manufacturing company is recognized based on the manufacturing number information;

a server connected to a network;

a means for transmitting the product quality and the manufacturing number information from the means for storing a product-manufacturing company's database to the server; and

a means for transmitting the inspected result and the manufacturing number information from the means for storing a product-inspecting company's database to the server, wherein the product-manufacturing company is allowed to receive the inspected result information if the access right has been established.